

## Germans Are Told Marne Retreat Is "Merely Tactical"

"Pill of Defeat" Is Being  
Studiously Sweetened  
for Folk at Home

"Shorter Line Is Aim"

Widely Distributed Pamphlet  
Insists Little Fighting  
Marked Withdrawal

AMSTERDAM, July 29.—In what is considered in Allied circles here to be an attempt to sweeten the bitter pill of the German people, the Berlin government is circulating a pamphlet dealing with the "shortening of the German front," written by a former German General Staff officer.

According to a Berlin dispatch received here, the officer says, in part: "The only principle to be followed in all measures is to inflict the heaviest possible losses on the enemy and keep our own as low as possible. If this result is achieved we shall approach even nearer the final aim of our operations. A favorable tactical basis must be created. However, this is being attained by the present shortening of our front."

It will cause our opponent to continue his attacks by the employment of fresh forces, because only thus can he extract success from the ground in this sector which he has occupied without fighting.

"If he did not do this it would be an open admission of the failure of his offensive. We await the enemy there in a much more favorable position and with strengthened troops, improved near communications and shortened flanks, which make the enemy's flanking movement more difficult. Our opponent's attack again probably will be beaten off. The enemy's losses in frontal attacks will still be greater, while ours will remain nominal."

"Only a Tactical Move"

"It does not matter whether we carry on the struggle offensively or defensively, or stand on this or that sector. The shortening of the Marne front extends over such a narrow strip and the withdrawal relates to such a small part of it that it represents a purely tactical movement for the purpose of creating favorable fighting conditions. It has only local significance. The strategic position as a whole is not in the least affected. It has hitherto developed as the German command intended and is being developed further, also according to plans."

"Our command retains complete freedom of operation and by shortening its front it avoided allowing itself to be pinned down, under locally unfavorable conditions, to any definite sector."

the whine of two German shells was heard. They exploded harmlessly outside the village, adding two more to literally millions of craters pock-marking the gently sloping hillside stretching half a mile down to the Marne. Along the road to Treloup, with the torn edges of the Forest of Riez on the right, through which both French and American forces have been on the heels of the enemy for the last twenty-four hours, enemy dead dot the hillsides. Abandoned pontoons, destroyed by shells before the enemy were able to launch them, also are numerous.

Dead horses are everywhere. The enemy must have lost not only thousands of men, but thousands of horses in the adventure on the Marne banks. We had no inclination to count them.

Passing through Treloup, Vincelles and Passy, villages which were badly shell torn, though no comparison to the death hole just behind to the left, we noticed mounds and white crosses instead of corpses. French burial squads were doing their work well, inscribing the name of the fallen on the cross in accordance with the identity tag, whether French or German.

Lost Large Supplies

At the crossing of the Marne River above Dormans the violence of the Allied artillery fire had prevented the enemy either from destroying or saving hundreds of thousands of rounds of artillery ammunition, mostly 77s, and millions of rounds of small arm cartridges.

Dormans Badly Torn

Here again among the bodies of horses and men, fallen recently, were hundreds of German trench helmets, whose wearers were injured by their comrades during the advance south of the Marne, but men and beasts slain during the retreat back again could not be touched because of the constant artillery battle which has raged along this road.

The battle in Dormans has been as hot as anywhere. What remains of that once beautiful little city got its last salvo from German shells at noon today, when the enemy withdrew his guns to conform to his line of retreat.

Long range guns far back in the salient fired single shells occasionally during this afternoon.

The main street of Dormans, which was lined with neat shops filled with tasty displays when I vis-

## Tetanus Is Reported In the German Army

AMSTERDAM, July 29.—Tetanus has broken out to a serious extent in the German army, according to "The Telegraaf."

The Netherlands Export Company has agreed to send a large consignment of anti-tetanus serum to Germany.

ited it in the darker days of 1917, after watching the French entrain for Italy in the railway yards, is now a mass of indescribable ruins.

At the entrance to the town is one of the incongruities of war. A large caterpillar motor tractor, manufactured in Peoria, Ill., was among the German equipment brought across the Marne and abandoned. Letters still painted on the radiator indicated that it had been the property of the British War Department. It probably fell into German hands on the British front.

Left Stores Behind

We found a general of a French division in a small chateau. Though half carried away by a great shell, the rest was almost untouched. A large tree in the front yard was twisted apart by a direct hit as one would twist a match. Others were almost irreparably shattered. Small buildings, grouped around the outer wall, though perforated with shrapnel, were employed for small arms and munition stores. Tens of thousands of German cartridges remained intact, packed neatly in pasteboard boxes.

The general, who arrived last night, was installed in a trimly furnished library, where the windows remained intact miraculously, and which showed no evidences of war, unless one glanced out of the window to see the surrounding ravages of the fighting.

The front yard, however, contained its inevitable dead horse. The general had not ordered its removal because, as he explained, he expected to sleep to-night in a village further north.

Tracing the movements on the division map, the general announced that his poilus, continuously in line for several days, though very tired, were still on the heels of the Boches, with their morale at a high stage. It was this general's poilus who crossed the Marne in pursuit of the division of the Prussian Guard whose commander is Prince Eitel Friedrich, the Kaiser's son. There was no evidence that Eitel accompanied his division, though every clock in the chateau was missing when the French general arrived.

## Swiss Workers Ask Economic Reforms

BASLE, Switzerland, July 29.—The internal situation in Switzerland is assuming a grave aspect as the result of a conflict between the federal authorities and the labor organizations.

Matters came to a head yesterday at a meeting of the Swiss Workmen's Congress, organized by a Socialist committee headed by Robert Grimm, which voted by a large majority that the Federal Council's reply to the workmen's claims was unsatisfactory and that if further negotiations failed in obtaining concessions a general strike would be called.

The congress included representatives of the Railway Men's Union, numbering 16,000, and the Federation of Officials and Employees of the federal departments, numbering 60,000. In official circles the situation is regarded as serious.

The demands of the workers were: First, better arrangements for the food supply for the working class. Second, a shorter working day, with wages fixed by a special bureau. Third, allowances for the increased cost of living and advances to government officials to enable them to lay in a stock of fuel and food for the winter. Fourth, the abolition of restriction on the right of meeting and the withdrawal of the decree closing the frontier to foreign deserters and absentees.

The reply of the Federal Council conceded the third claim but rejected the others.

## Can't Sink Transports Berlin Admits

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regularity and frequency of railway trains at a big railway station, but irregularly, with long interruptions, and often by night and in fog.

"When one remembers all that, one realizes what little prospect of success it offers to set the U-boats especially at American transports."

"We must always remember that it is the task of our U-boats to reduce the entire cargo space in the enemy's service, for on this depends his existence and ability to carry on the war."

Calls Relief "Temporary"

Interviewed on a statement attributed to the British admiral Sir John Jellicoe, the former First Sea Lord, that the U-boat war was a failure, that it had ceased to constitute a danger to the British, and that more U-boats were being destroyed than were being built, he said: "The statement is incorrect, and if credited would prove a fatal error for our opponents. The fact is that merely by appropriating neutral tonnage the situation has undergone a temporary amelioration, especially regarding military supplies from America."

Von Holtzendorff asserted that the German policy resulted, apart from the destruction of large quantities of war material and supplies, in the infliction of enormous economic damage on the enemy.

"The enemy's losses in ships and cargoes alone to July 1, 1918, are estimated to surpass \$12,500,000,000," he said.

German Peace Offer Denied

WASHINGTON, July 29.—A diplomatic telegram from Madrid today states that Spanish Premier Dato has formally denied the report appearing in the Berlin "Vormarsch," according to which Spain was said to have received proposals relative to a peace conference from the German government.

## Monarchists Join To Put Grand Duke On Russian Throne

Kiev Congress Resolves to  
Form Centres Through-  
out Nation

AMSTERDAM, July 29.—The recent monarchist Congress at Kiev resolved to form centres throughout Russia for the reestablishment of the imperial regime on the lines of that in power prior to March, 1917, and to aim at the reunion of the Ukraine and Great Russia under Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaievich, according to brief details received here. Kiev newspapers report a recrudescence of the activities of the Black Hundred.

When confirmation of the death of the former Emperor was received in Kiev many Russian officers were seen with crepe wound about their crosses of St. George.

"God Protect the Czar"

When his execution was first denied a crowded thanksgiving service was held in the Kiev Cathedral and the people sang the ancient hymn, "God Protect the Czar." The archpriest during the celebration of the mass declared:

"The Church stands outside politics, but it is bidden all true believing Russians to pray for Nicholas, the servant of God, who has suffered much."

He spoke of the impending reestablishment of the monarchy and the dynasty, saying: "The temple which was destroyed shall rise again."

After the service there was sanguinary fighting in the streets of Kiev between the monarchists and Bolsheviks.

Plot Against Hetman

A sensation has been caused at Kiev through an order issued by the Ukrainian government for the arrest of the former War Minister, Peshura, and the former Minister of Commerce, Porsch. Some of the partisans of the ministers are charged with revolutionary machinations against the government of the Hetman.

## Dutch Writer Warns Germans of U. S. Force

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AMSTERDAM, July 29.—Returning here from a visit to France, a correspondent of the "Handelsblad" writes a long article of enthusiastic admiration for American achievements, and concludes:

"From America issues a force against which no European nation can stand. It is a gigantic force, which is developing calmly and scientifically."

"The German people are told that the U-boats will be able to conjure the American danger, but the German people have not seen what I have seen."

## Naval Patrol Routes U-Boat Off Cape Cod

attacked by German submarines, each of them about 200 miles off the Atlantic Coast, in latitude 38.35, longitude 70.40. All three vessels, by superior speed, escaped undamaged after a running fight which lasted several hours.

The master of another vessel in port today said that three days ago wireless calls were caught by his ship coming from a vessel in plain sight asking for assistance, but which, upon closer observation, proved to be a submarine with telescopic masts and made up to imitate a sailing vessel in a sinking condition.

Bomb Sinks Italian Ship

RIO JANEIRO, July 28.—The Italian steamer Giuseppe Garibaldi, 4,000 tons, has been destroyed by an explosion 200 miles off the Brazilian coast. Six members of the crew were killed and the rest rescued by the English ship Arcturion.

The officers of the vessel have reported to the Italian Consul here that the explosion was caused by a dynamite bomb, which is believed to have been placed on board the ship by Germans.

## Austrian Attacks in Albania Are Repulsed

LONDON, July 29.—There has been heavy fighting along the Semeni River front in Albania, according to the official announcements from Rome, Paris and Vienna today. Austrian attempts to continue their counter drive were repulsed with heavy losses, the Rome War Office stated.

The Italian report says:

"In Albania, on the Semeni River, at the Kuci Bridge, enemy attempts to advance were sanguinarily repulsed."

The Vienna communication follows:

"In Albania, the enemy's counter pressure has increased in strength on our positions in the Semeni salient, which five times were the objects of violent attacks, all of which broke down with sanguinary losses. In the Mali Shkollës Mountains the enemy attacked four times. He was driven back partly by our first counter attack."

## 11 Enemy Aircraft Downed by British

LONDON, July 29.—The official communication on aerial activities issued by the War Office to-night says:

"Ten tons of bombs were distributed between ammunition dumps and railway stations and billets in the neighborhood of Douai, Armentieres, Bapaume and Chaumont."

"In the early morning there was a certain amount of fighting in the air. Nine hostile machines were brought down and two hostile balloons were shot down in flames. Four of our machines are missing."

"During the night Bapaume and active hostile batteries north of the Somme were bombed, and our machines returned."

## Wants Busch Property Back Widow of Brewer Appeals to Alien Property Custodian

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Decision on the application of Mrs. Adolphus Busch, widow of the St. Louis brewer, for return of her property valued at millions of dollars, taken over by the government as the result of her stay of several years with relatives in Germany, is soon to be made by Alien Property Custodian Palmer. On Mr. Palmer's desk to-day, upon his return from Western trip, was a voluminous brief filed by her attorney, Charles Nagel, former Secretary of Commerce and Labor, who is here for conferences with Mr. Palmer.

The brief recites testimony given at the hearings before the Congressional committees as to the intent of the law with respect to the return of seized property, and contends that it was the evident intent of Congress to

restore the property of American citizens upon their return to the United States. Mrs. Busch's counsel insists she is a loyal citizen and merely was visiting abroad.

Britons Fined for Giving  
Secrets to Germany

LONDON, July 29.—Sir Joseph Jonas, former Lord Mayor of Sheffield, was fined \$10,000, and Charles Alfred Vernon, former employee in the Ministry of Munitions, was fined \$5,000 with costs, in the Old Bailey Court today in connection with charges that they had conspired to violate the official secrets act by obtaining and communicating information that might be useful to the enemy.

The jury found that they were not guilty of a felony, but had committed a misdemeanor. Carl Hahn, another defendant, was acquitted. The charges against the three men were based on information given to Germany in 1913 relative to the intention of a British firm to manufacture rifles.

Japan Lends Siberia  
Quarter of Billion  
To Form Big Army

STOCKHOLM, July 29.—The official organ of the Siberian government, published at Omsk, stated on July 12 that Japan had granted to the Siberian government a loan of \$250,000,000 for the formation of a strong army.

In return Siberia undertakes to supply Japanese troops which arrive with provisions.

It also is announced that the Siberian government is carrying on negotiations with America.

Issue May Be Forced  
(By The Associated Press)

VLADIVOSTOK, Sunday, July 28.—A proclamation issued by General Horvath, who recently assumed the dictatorship of Siberia, published here today, orders all official administrative, judicial, financial and other departments in the Maritime Province to take up their duties, referring where necessary to General Horvath's Cabinet.

As many of the departments have been in abeyance for some months the order may force an issue between the order of General Horvath and the Provisional Siberian government.

Czechs Occupy Schmakova  
(By The Associated Press)

SHANGHAI, July 29.—The Czechs have occupied the town of Schmakova, according to a dispatch from Vladivostok. They captured several machine guns, together with shells, hand grenades and poisoned gas apparatus, and 200,000 cartridges.

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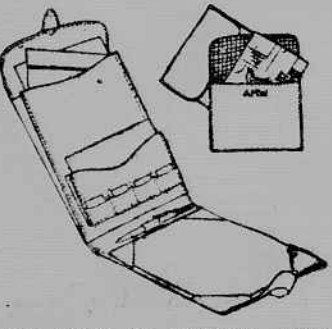


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## Writing—Passport Cases



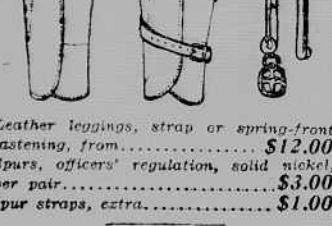
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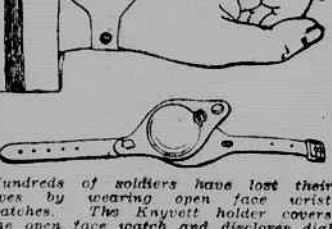
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